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WORK BEGINS TO REPAIR STATE ROUTE 2

San Bernardino County – Work began approximately two weeks ago to make repairs to the storm damaged section of State Route 2 from Vincent's Gap to Islip Saddle in the Angeles National Forest. A ten-mile section of SR-2 was affected by severe winter storms in 2004/2005, which consequently closed the route in October 2004. Several avalanches and slides occurred throughout the winter and caused major road damage in seventeen locations. The repairs include rebuilding several slopes supporting sections of the roadway and placing engineering structures to support the road in three other locations. In addition, large quantities of rocks, debris and trees must be removed.

The first order of work is to remove the debris in preparation for this winter. It is anticipated that the slope repair and roadway restoration work will not begin until late spring or early summer 2006 due to low temperatures, which have an adverse effect on paving. The route is expected to open in summer 2006.

The \$6.5 million project is being completed by Granite Construction. Funding was obtained through Caltrans District 7 in Los Angeles, however, Caltrans District 8 in San Bernardino will oversee the project.

Caltrans would like to advise the public that the closed section of SR-2 is not an open area for bicyclists or sightseeing since it is a work zone. The existing conditions are dangerous and Caltrans wants to reserve a safe work environment for the contractor and for public safety.

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